**Tax Hearing Special Meeting Boone County Board of Education**

**August 29, 2019 7:30 PM**

**Ralph Rush Professional Development Center**

**99 Center Street**

**Florence, Kentucky 41042**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Tax Hearing Special meeting of the Boone County Schools Board of Education August 29, 2019 was called to order by Chairperson Karen Bryd at the Ralph Rush Staff Development Center.

 **Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Dr. Maria Brown

Ms. Karen Byrd

Mr. Troy Fryman

Mr. Matt McIntire

Mrs. Julia Pile

Gerry Dusing attended as Board Attorney

Karen Evans, Board Secretary, recorded the minutes.

**II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

 II.A. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Ms. Karen Byrd, Chairperson.

**III. INFORMATION ON TAX RATE LEVY (ATTACHMENTS ON EMEETING)**

 (Copies of tax documents are on the District website under Emeeting)

**IV. TAX RATE LEVY**

**IV.A. For the board to vote on the Tax Rate Levy**

Dr. Randy Poe, Superintendent, recommended the board approve to levy the tax rates producing a 4% increase in revenues rate, 66.4 cents per $100 valuation of real estate, 66.4 cents per $100 valuation of tangible property, 49.7 cents per $100 valuation of motor vehicles, additional exoneration rate of .6, as presented.

1. A motion was made by Julia Pile, seconded by Matt McIntire to approve to levy the tax rates producing a 4% increase in revenues rate, 66.4 cents per $100 valuation of real estate, 66.4 cents per $100 valuation of tangible property, 49.7 cents per $100 valuation of motor vehicles, additional exoneration rate of .6, as presented. Troy Fryman, Matt McIntire, Karen Byrd, Julia Pile, and Maria Brown voted, “aye.” MOTION: The motion passed 5-0.

(Brief Summary)

Karen Byrd, chairperson, opened the meeting up for any additional questions for specific use of the funds by the board members that was covered or not covered in the presentation at the Public Forum by the Administration.

Julia Pile, asked Dr. Delahunty the growth of the ELL population. Dr. Delahunty explained we have 1207 with 100 pending students waiting to be screened to be determined EL, 5 years ago the district had less than 900 EL students. This just include the active students those getting services, not the 4 year monitoring that the state has determined that is necessary. Dr. Delahunty discussed the past, present and the need for teachers every year with a unique growing language. Karen Byrd discussed this is a levels of speaking English, some with no English speaking to a little and we must meet them where they are…..Dr. Delahunty explained the majority are K-3 and French and Somali

are now 2 and 3 in languages in the district with a total of 67 languages.

Dr. Poe, stated for the record, our budget this year is 86% in payroll with less than 5% in administrative cost and less the the average in the state.

Dr. Maria Brown discussed the colleges are now facing the same challenges for school psychologist and with a quick math formula we should have 84 school psychologist, with this funding tonight we will only have 15.5…..this is a need that does not go away.

Troy Fryman stated that being a lifelong resident of Boone County and I understand property taxes as well as anyone and I can say living in Boone County we are very lucky…look across the river, New York City etc. my point is it is very hard for him – he has family that this effects too and asked if this will be effective and yes it will. I believe it is very important our students to have the technology devices they need. Mr. Fryman discussed the need for psychologist and from a school safety point you cannot put a price tag on and I have been in the schools that need the automatic access controls and I fully support. The resources for the ELL and the learning opportunities for our students are needed and what the impact means to our community to support ELL.

Matt McIntire stated he sees equity, not fluff here. Questioned Jenny Watson on 406 Preschool students if this was ½ day or full day, Mrs. Watson stated this is a ½ day program for Preschool. Kathy Reutman explained Boone County Early Learning Center is full day is a collaboration between District and Children’s Inc. the schools are ½ day. Dr. Poe explained the Ignite Preschool will be full day. Mr. McIntire asked to consider Preschool and Kindergarten full day with the programs we have now expanding. Discussion on Preschool and Kindergarten gap.

Dr. Poe stated preschool which is mandated by the state but again no money is funded for it and the grants that have been cut by the State by over $500,000 to our program and elaborated on the funding issues.

Karen Byrd, digital devices and the replacement cycle needs because of the state assessment from KDE test being online is a need we must meet, but no funding from the state. Discussion of the 2 new technicians cost that are requested to handle the 30,000 computers.

**V. ADJOURN**

1. A motion was made by Matt McIntire, seconded by Maria Brown to adjourn the meeting. Troy Fryman, Matt McIntire, Karen Byrd, Julia Pile, and Maria Brown voted, “aye.” MOTION: The motion passed 5-0.

 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58 p.m.

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Karen Byrd/Chairperson

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Karen Evans/Secretary